

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A cosmetic composition comprising:
 - (i) a first amine present as a neutralized counterion salt of a
5 C₂-C₄₀ carboxylic acid other than an alpha- or beta-hydroxycarboxylic acid;
 - (ii) a second amine different from the first amine and having a molecular weight no lower than about 100;
 - (iii) from about 1 to about 99.9% by weight of a cosmetically acceptable
10 carrier.
2. The composition according to claim 1 wherein the carboxylic acid is malonic acid.
3. The composition according to claim 1 wherein the second amine is selected from
15 the group consisting of polyethyleneimine, triethanolamine, tris(hydroxymethyl) amino methane, triisopropanolamine, triethylene glycol tetramine, tyrosine, glutamine, lysine, arginine and combinations thereof.
4. The composition according to claim 1 wherein the second amine is an amino acid.
5. The composition according to claim 1 wherein the second amine has a pKa no
20 larger than a pKa of the first amine.
6. The composition according to claim 1 wherein the second amine has a molecular weight of at least 149.

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7. The composition according to claim 1 wherein the first amine is dimethylaminoethanol.